Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy
2013-2014 Annual Report

This report summarizes the 2013-14 achievements for the Pepper Institute in terms of scholarly publications, contracts and grants, public events, awards, and outreach.

Peer-Reviewed Publications, Chapters, Guides


Brummel-Smith, Ken and Halperin, A. 2014. “Patient-Centered Care for Persons with Dementia is Possible in Primary Care.” Generations, 37, 87-91.


Kamp Dush, Claire, Kammi Schmeer, and Miles G. Taylor. “Chaos as a Social Determinant of Child Health: Reciprocal Associations?” *Social Science and Medicine, 95*, 69-76.


Contract and Grants

Canada Institutes of Health Research. 2013. “Social Support and Resilience to Depression across the Life Course in Canada.” Miles G. Taylor (collaborator). Total award $32,000 (CD).


Hogeschool Utrecht. 2011-2013. “Predictors for the Use of e-Health by Older Adults and Professional Caregivers (PETZ).” Neil Charness and Walter Boot. Total award $31,000.


Public events and awards

Awards:
Marie Cowart – Torch Award, FSU Faculty Senate; Circle of Gold Award; FSU Alumni Assoc.
John Reynolds – Michael J. Armer Faculty Teacher Award, Department of Sociology.
Deana Rohlinger – Faculty Seminole Award, Florida State University.

Community Events: This year, the Pepper Institute participated in the FSU Day at the Capitol on April 1 in order to promote the Institute’s research, adult education, and outreach programs. John Reynolds, Stefanie Kiedrowski, Thane Hutcheson, and Justine Gunderson distributed flyers, brochures, and booklets about both programs and fielded many questions from visitors.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offered 77 classes this year, more than double from last year. Topics ranged from art, history, literature, music, nutrition, current events, and science. Members enjoyed the OLLI Noon Lecture Series, which hosted speakers such as former state legislator Marjorie Turnbull and the CEO of Tallahassee Memorial Health Care Mark O’Bryant. OLLI members also took cultural trips to Sarasota and the Ringling Museums, and embarked on the first offering of their study abroad program at the FSU London campus and Corpus Christi College at the University of Cambridge in England. Members also explored the Dalmatian Coast through the Semester at Sea program.

Due to OLLI’s continued growth, now in excess of 850 members, the Bernard Osher Foundation has extended an invitation to apply for a second million dollar endowment once membership meets the 1000 member mark!

Safe Mobility for Life Coalition
The Safe Mobility for Life Coalition is committed to the unique needs of Florida’s aging road users. By improving road safety and increasing the mobility of Florida’s seniors, the Coalition strives to reduce traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities among older drivers and other aging road users. The Pepper Institute was awarded its 4th annual grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to support the state-wide Safe Mobility for Life Coalition. As of this year, the Coalition has participated in seven conferences and sent out over 7,000 aging road user guides to 2,675 Florida residents.

Last July, the Pepper Institute hosted the quarterly meeting for the Coalition at the Claude Pepper Center with about 45 members in attendance. In the past year, the Coalition also hosted their first Safety is Golden Mobility fair in Broward County in order to raise awareness of the availability of safety and mobility resources in local communities. John Reynolds is working with the Coalition to develop a packet for legislators and other policymakers to be distributed this year.
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